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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 09/749,609 :  
Filed: December 28, 2000 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 18, 2004, in the above-identified application.

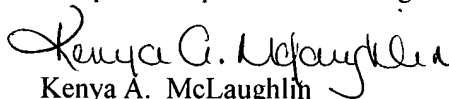
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed August 14, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A proper response was not received within the allowable period, and the application became abandoned on November 15, 2003.

The amendment filed October 14, 2004, is noted and made of record.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

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